

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Claims 1-5, 9, and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from U.S. Patent 5,616,876 to Cluts in view of U.S. Patent 5,969,283 to Looney et al.

Independent claim 1 recites at least one limitation not found in the cited references. None of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest "selection and presentation being made without interaction by a user based on the plurality of attributes."

Independent claim 11 and new independent claim 14 recite substantially the same limitation and are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

New claim 14 also recites additional limitations not taught or suggested by the cited references, such as "user-operable hold means for holding an attribute value of a currently selected unit as a criterion for subsequent selections wherein holding said mutually independent attribute value will not affect a state of another attribute value."

Therefore, all claims which depend from claims 1, 11, and 14 are believed to be patentable for at last the same reasons.

Claims 6-8 were separately rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from U.S. Patent 5,616,876 to Cluts in view of U.S. Patent 5,969,283 to Looney et al., and further in view of U.S. Published Patent Application

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Claims 6-8 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

Accordingly, the application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

If any issues remain which may be resolved by telephonic communication, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the number below, if such will advance the application to allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) to Account No. 14-1270.

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